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Artists of Abraham Lincoln portraits

Wilson Reed Berry

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

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KIMBERLY S. BROWN
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Dear Mrs. Cook,

In reference to your letter, Wilson Reed Berry was my great, great grandfather, he was commonly called "Wils".

After speaking with members of my family, we could not come up with a specific date the portrait of Lincoln was painted. We only knew of the painting from a resident in our neighborhood who spends the winter in Florida and the summer in Logansport. Her name is Mrs. Elliot.

Mrs. Elliot had come to my grandmothers home once and noticed the paintings decorating our walls, and proceeded to tell us who the artist was, later to realize that he was a relative. She offered to purchase the pictures and take them back to Logansport to their museum, where they have several other works of Wils Berry. Our family declined her offer. Only then did we come to know from Mrs. Elliot that Wils had painted a picture of Mr. Lincoln without his beard. If you could find anything more on this missing piece, would you please relay your findings onto me. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Thankyou,
Kimberly A. Brown

WHILE YOU WERE OUT MESSAGE

TO _____

DATE 2/23 TIME _____

FROM Kim Brown

OF PO Box 150662

PHONE Cape Coral, FL 33915

☐ Telephoned	☐ Stopped To See You
☐ Will Call Again	☐ Wants To See You
☐ Please Return Call	☐ Returned Your Call

Message Portrait B L - Oil
Beardless
Willy Berry, painter
Send her any info on artist
& painting

Message Taken By: Ruth

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THINGS TO DO!

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February 25, 1988

Ms. Kim Brown
P.O. Box 150662
Cape Carol, FL 33915

Dear Ms. Brown:

I could find nothing on an artist by the name of Willis Berry. I did find a reference to an artist by the name of Wilson Reed Berry. Photocopies of the reference are enclosed.

If you could furnish more information on the painting of Lincoln, I would be happy to check further.

Sincerely,

Ruth E. Cook
Assistant to the Director

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